Congresswoman Slaughter opposed legislation to give the President greater "trade promotion authority" in negotiating international agreements because it would weaken Congress' ability to address important labor concerns. She has also:

- Cosponsored a resolution expressing the sense of the House of the Representatives that legislation to renew or grant fast track trade negotiating authority should not be considered by the House of Representatives in the 110th Congress.
- Supported the Stop Sweatshops Act, a bill to make garment manufacturers and retailers liable for labor violations committed by their contractors and subcontractors. More recently, she joined with House colleagues to remind the organizers of the FIFA World Cup competition of their earlier commitment to refrain from acquiring apparel and equipment that are produced in sweatshops.
- Supported a bill to enforce fair labor practices in the Northern Mariana Islands, a commonwealth of the United States, where manufacturers were paying far less than minimum wage but labeling garments as "Made in the USA."
- Cosponsored a bill to prevent employers from classifying workers as independent contractors to avoid paying employment taxes and being subject to other federal labor laws.
- Cosponsored a bill to require an employer to provide written notification to an employee when purchasing life insurance on the life of the employee and designates a beneficiary other than the individual who is the subject of the policy.
- Cosponsored legislation to exempt from federal taxation back-pay and front-pay received when employees prevail in suits against employers for unlawful discrimination.